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SUBJ: AFP REPORTS LONG BORET'S JUNE 29 STATEMENT ON CORRUPTION

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1. WE WISH TO DRAW TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION AFP'S JUNE 29 STORY CARRYING A SUMMARY OF LONG BORET'S REMARKS ON MEASURES THE GKR HAS TAKEN AGAINST CORRUPTION (REFTEL AND FBIS). FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE AFP ARTICLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC, MR. LONG BORET, HAS DEEMED "ENCOURAGING" THE PROGRESS THAT THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OF PHNOM PENH HAVE MADE TOWARD SUPPRESSING ALL TYPES OF FRAUD. IN A STATEMENT GIVEN TO THE PRESS ON SATURDAY THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT GAVE AN UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCOUNTING OF EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN DURING RECENT MONTHS

TO ARRIVE AT "A BETTER UTILIZATION OF BOTH NATIONAL RESOURCES AND FOREIGN AID".

MR. LONG BORET ESPECIALLY STRESSED THE MILITARY PAYROLL AND THE USE OF FUELS AND MUNITIONS. THE QUESTION OF MILITARY SALARIES, THE PRIME MINISTER NOTED, "HAS GIVEN RISE TO SHARP CRITICISMS IN BOTH THE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PRESS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO "PHANTOM" SOLDIERS. THIS ISSUE, HE AFFIRMED, IS NOW "ALMOST ENTIRELY RESOLVED." HENCEFORTH, A NEW SYSTEM FOR PAYING SALARIES SHOULD ELIMINATE THE FRADULENT PRACTICES OF THOSE OFFICERS SHO GAINED SUBSTANTIAL REVENUE BY MAKING FALSE DECLARATIONS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF TROOPS UNDER THEIR COMMAND.

MR. LONG BORET ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THOSE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR LARGE-SCALE DIVERSIONS OF AVIATION GASOLINE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. THERE WILL BE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF SUPPLYING AVIATION GASOLINE, HE AFFIRMED, IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO SUCH DIVERSIONS. FINALLY, THE PRIME MINISTER WARNED THOSE WHO STEAL MUNITIONS: THEY WILL INCUR, HE STRESSED, " THE MOST SEVERE PUNISHMENTS." END TEXT.

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